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SUMMARY. PENDING COMPLETION OF AN EVALUATION OF LAO ANTI-AMERICAN PROPAGANDA SUBSEQUENT TO MY MARCH 14 DISCUSSION OF THE SUBJECT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PHOUNE SIPRASEUTH WE BRING TWO SPECIFIC ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES TO THE DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION. ONE IS A LAO PRESS AGENCY COMMENT OF APRIL 5 ACCUSING THE UNITED STATES OF LAVISHLY USING MATERIAL AND HUMAN ASSETS TO MAKE LAOS A NEO-COLONY AND A MILITARY BASE. THE OTHER IS A SIENG PASASON EDITORIAL OF APRIL 6 ACCUSING THE UNITED STATES OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR RECENT BRIDGE DESTRUCTION, TRUCK AMBUSHES AND THE THROWING OF GRENADES AT THE LAO NATIONAL RADIO STATION AND THE SOVIET AND CUBAN EMBASSIES. END SUMMARY.

1. WE HAVE IN PREPARATION AN EVALUATION OF THE LAO ANTI-AMERICAN PROPAGANDA EFFORT SUBSEQUENT TO MY MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PHOUNE SIPRASEUTH ON
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MARCH 14 IN WHICH I REVIEWED AND DENIED ACCUSATIONS

THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS REVIVING THE WAR IN LAOS AND TRYING TO UNDERMINE THE NEW LAO REGIME. MEANWHILE TWO SPECIFIC AND PARTICULARLY VIOLENT ATTACKS HAVE BEEN MADE ON THE UNITED STATES IN THE OFFICIAL LAO PRESS BULLETIN OF APRIL 5 AND THE SIENG PASASON NEWSPAER OF APRIL 6 WHICH MERIT THE DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION. WE ASSUME FBIS WILL ACQUIRE TEXTS IN THE NEXT DAY OR SO.

2. THE OFFICIAL LAO PRESS DAILY BULLETING (KHAOSAN PATHET LAO - KPL) FOR APRIL 5 CARRIED A LEAD ARTICLE ENTITLED " LET US DEAT WITHOUT DELAY ALL THE NEW MANEUVERS OF THE AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS AND THEIR VALETS."

3. THE KPL ARTICLE BEGINS: "THE DESIRE OF THE AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS IS TO MAKE OUR COUNTRY THEIR NEO-COLONY AND THEIR MILITARY BASE. TO THIS END THEY HAVE LAVISHLY EXPENDED MATERIAL AND HUMAN FORCE TO COMMIT AGGRESSION AGAINST LAOS. THIS PERFIDIOUS AIM WAS DEMOLISHED BY OUR PEOPLE UNDER THE CLEAR-SIGHTED DIRECTION OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY. NEVERTHELESS THE IMPERIALISTS PERSIST IN THEIR DARK DESIGNS AND MAKE USE OF THE LAO REACTIONARIES OF THE EXTREME RIGHT WHO FLED TO THAILAND TO DISTURB THE SECURITY OF THE PEOPLE AND THE DEFENSE OF THE COUNTRY. AT THE SAME TIME THEY USE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND IDEOLOGICAL PLANS TO DECEIVE THE PROPLE AND CALUMNIATE THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC. THIS MEANS THAT THEY HAVE UNLEASHED ALL FIELDS A STRONGER AND STRONGER OFFENSIVE AGAINST TBE NEW REGIME."

4. THE KPL ARTICLE GOES ON TO CALL FOR A GREAT EFFORT BY THE ARMY AND THE PEOPLE TO DESTROY ALL PLANS OF THE ENEMY, TO INCULCATE A DEEP HATRED OF THE ENEMY AND TO KEEP THE "AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS FROM COMING BACK TO SABOTAGE OUR VICTORY."

5. THE SIENG PASASON EDITORIAL OF APRIL 6 IS
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ENTITLED: "RESOLUTELY DETER THE BLOOD-STAINED HANDS OF THE IMPERIALIST AMERICANS AND THEIR HELPERS." REFERRING TOTHE RECENT BRIDGE DESTRUCTIONS, TRUCK AMBUSHES, THROWING OF GRENADES AT LAO NATIONAL RADIO AND AT THE SOVIET AND CUBAN EMBASSIES THE EDITORIAL SAYS THAT SEVERAL "BAD MEN" WERE CAUGHT. UNDER INTERROGATION AND INVESTIGATION THESE MEN ARE SAID TO HAVE CONFESSED THAT THEY WERE ALL FROM THAILAND, HIRED

BY THE THAI AND LAO REACTIONARIES AND TO HAVE REVEALED THAT CIA IS THE BIG WHEEL IN PLOTTING THE CURRENT LAO DISTURBANCES. THESE "PLOTS" ARE SAID NOT TO BE LIMITED TO THROWING GRENADES AND BLOCKING ROADS BUT TO INCLUDE CLOSING THE BORDER, PLANNING TO FIRE ARTILLERY INTO LAO TERRITORY, TO SHOOT AT LAO BOATS, TO MAKE AIR ESPIONAGE FLIGHTS AND TO THREATEN THE LAO PEOPLE.

6. THE SIENG PASASON EDITORIAL GOES ON TO ACCUSE THE "AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS" OF STILL USING THAI TERRITORIES AS THEIR MILITARY BASES AND A SPRINGBOARD TO CARRY OUT ALL KINDS OF WICKED TRICKS AGAINST LAOS, CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM. IT CALLS FOR SOLIDARITY OF THE LAO AND THAI PEOPLES IN ABOLISHING AMERICAN BASES IN THAILAND.
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